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Mike Granatt is a partner in City consultancy Luther Pendragon, where he specialises in crisis management, and risk and crisis communication.

Mike's career started in journalism, on specialist journals and on newspapers in Kent. He joined the Department of Employment in 1979, moving on to the Home Office and the Department of Energy.

Between 1986 and 1988, he was director of communication or its equivalent at the Department of Energy, the Metropolitan Police Service, the Department of the Environment and the Home Office.

In 1996 at the Home Office, he established the national Media Emergency Forum, which brings together government, the news media, and the key emergency and public services to review and plan for public information flow during crises and the aftermath of disaster. He chaired the forum until 2003.

In 1998 he joined the Cabinet Office where he served as Director-General of the Government Information and Communication Service, and set up and led the Cabinet Office Civil Contingencies Secretariat.

Currently, Mike chairs the UK Press Card Authority (the industry body which supervises the national newsgatherers' identity scheme). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a senior associate fellow at the Defence Academy of the UK, and a trustee of Mary Hare School and Deafness Research UK.

Mike was appointed a Companion of the Bath in 2001.